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#### A Bad Plan.

A plan for the reformation of the police of this town which contemplates the withdrawal from their authority of all licensed drinking places and of all gambling and bawdy houses has been under contemplation by certain more or less influential persons for some time and is soon to be urged on the community. It is purposed to put responsibility for the enforcement of the liquor law on the State Excise Department and to create a Board of Public Morals for the suppression of gambling and prostitution.

In our opinion such a division of authority and decentralization of power would work no permanent good and might result in great harm. It is easily conceivable that the corrupt and inefficient in each regulative bureau might seek shelter behind the shortcomings of the others. The difficulties and abuses springing from such a situation are not hard to picture.

To the proposal that the State Excise Commissioner shall be vigilant and energetic in the performance of those duties that devolve on him no person will object. In behalf of such supplementary methods of assisting the police in the suppression of gambling and prostitution as experience and wisdom may suggest every voice will be raised. But against any scheme for increasing the number of independent officers who must cooperate to enforce the laws, experience and wisdom protest.

If New York has been unsuccessful in devising a satisfactory plan for managing one police force and has failed to obtain for its head efficient honest men, what prospect is there that it will gain from the creation of two additional forces, for each of which upright and capable executives must be found?

#### The Direct Tax Bogey. From the editorial columns of the

Newburgh Journal we take this:

"The direct State tax was abolished by a Republican administration in 1906; it was restored by a Democratic administration. that notification! But it would be a ises of 'retrenchment and reform,' and which denounced the preceding Republican administration as 'grossly extrava-

The direct tax was abolished by a Republican administration: as a direct publican control between 1907 and 1911 the aggregate excess of expense over income was \$10,569,000, and the surplus in the State treasury was reduced from approximately \$14,000,000 to \$3,250,000. In 1907 the excess of expenditure over revenue was \$2.154.000, and the prospective increase in sinking fund charges alone \$1,500,000. To avoid an actual deficit in the treasury, therefore, the rect tax of nearly \$6,000,000 to meet a sinking fund charge of \$5,400,000.

The Republican party abolished the direct tax when the sinking fund charge was inconsiderable and the actual conthe State treasury. Governor Hughes advocated the imposition of a direct tax to meet sinking fund charges, and as a result of the imposition of such a tax by Democrats the balance sheet of the State showed the first surplus in years.

Will the Newburgh Journal, the Albany Journal or any other Republican newspaper venture the prediction that York will be able to discharge their reif the Hon. JOB E. HEDGES is elected and a Republican Legislature chosen the of the ship at the same time, what dread-Republican party will again abolish the direct tax and undertake to raise \$12,000,000 of sinking fund charges by the imposition of still more staggering indirect taxes?

The New Eastern Question. Foreign despatches which describ the amazement and apprehension which the victories of the Balkan States have created in the capitals of the greater nations reveal on their face the occasion for the general anxiety. Europe, divided fairly equally into two great opposing camps, the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente, sees in the rise of the Balkan States the coming of a new element, as disturbing to existing conditions as was the new Japan to the bal-

ance of power in the Far East. Hitherto the status quo in the Balmerely a matter for the agreement of proper and much needed line of develop the great Powers. But to-morrow, if ment. An alternative is to give up the Balkan victories continue, the members of a new alliance, counting at least half a million battle trained soldiers, will pre-

document. Who then is to enforce such an ultimatum?

to King PETER.

and postpone the liquidation of the But if Balkan victories are continued the Turk will be eliminated and partition swiftly in displacement, gun power and in the country Jabez Longlife's accusa can be prevented only by the interposition of a united Europe prepared to send a million troops to the Peninsula if necessary and to crush Servia, Bulgaria and Greece by actual war. But if they are thus crushed the result will be to carry Austria to the Ægean, give the Triple Alliance a new base in the Mediterranean and a new chance to menace British and Russian interests in the Near East.

The truth seems to be that at the critical moment European diplomacy has been paralyzed by the divisions of the great Powers. As a result there has risen in the Balkans a new power apparently capable of dealing with the Turkish defence and plainly determined to divide the Ottoman estate withou regard to the susceptibilities or ambitions of the great Powers. This is the new Eastern Question.

### The Doctor on the Tariff.

If Dr. Wilson has any precise, definite, hard and fast ideas about tariff legislation he has yet to communicate them. Is he for or against protection as such? Is he for immediate revision or for gradual, painless, insensible re- century vaguely, and century vaguely, and duction of duties? Must business stand during the last dec- during the last decthe consequences of a vigorous sweep ade acutely, Mo- ade acutely, Moof the Democratic snickersee, or will business be handled with silken gloves and spoken fair? Almost anything can be proved by passages from the doctor's speeches. There is satisfaction for everybody and comfort for all, except the wicked monopolists, whom he glares at with terrible earnestness. At Philadelphia on Monday night he said:

"The so-called tariff system has cease to be a system of protection. It has be come a system of extortion, of special favors and of monopoly, and it is extortion and special favors and monopoly that we propose to root out, and nothing else."

So there is some hope for protectionat least there was in its stronghold. where the doctor was addressing a Wilson Republican meeting. The tone was a little different at Sea Girt in August when he was accepting the nomination for President:

"Our own clear conviction as Democrate is that in the last analysis the only safe and legitimate object of tariff duties, as of taxes of every kind, is to raise revenue for the support of the Government;

Cold comfort for protectionists in mistake to suppose that Dr. WILSON did not draw the sting in another part of his speech of acceptance.

# Launching of the New York.

When the battleship New York, which is to be launched in this city to-day, goes into commission, the United States Navy will contain two super-dreadnoughts carrying batteries of ten 14 inch guns. A sister ship, the Texas, took the water at Newport News on May 18, 1912. The powerful batteries of these vessels, and not a displacement of 27,000 tons, is their most impressive feature. The battleships Rivadavia and Moreno of the Argentine navy, launched more than a year ago from American ship-Democratic Legislature imposed a di- yards, will have a greater displacement, 28,000 tons, but their big guns will be 12 inch and therefore less destructive in action.

It is estimated that the 1.582 pound missile of a 14 inch gun will pierce 15.6 inches of Krupp plate at 7,700 yards, or nearly four and a half miles, and 17.3 inches of plate at 5,400 yards, or more than three miles. The amidship armor of the British King George class of superdreadnoughts, 25,000 tons normal displacement, is twelve inches, and of the German Ersatz class of 27,000 tons it is fifteen inches. As the Texas and New volving ten 14 inch guns on either side nought now afloat could withstand the terrible shock of their metal? Some remarks of Naval Constructor D. W. TAYLOR, U. S. N., upon the case of the

gun against the armor are pertinent: "There is a tendency to increase armor thickness as the size of ships increases and in the most recent United States ships this has been done, but increases hitherto made can hardly be regarded as adequate and it must be admitted that at the moment the gun is superior to the armor. Whether the armor will again forge ahead by supe rior combination of old elements, the de velopment of still further improved armor or the devotion to armor of a larger pro portion of the displacement, it is impossible to say, but there is great need for improvement in protection, and it would seem fairly safe to prophesy that for some years to come we may expect to see the protection kans has been maintained because it was the attack. I think that is certainly the

fight and practically abandon armor. arminon battle trained soldiers, will present to Europe their own plans for the partition of the European estate of the Turk between themselves, a partition which closes this way to Austrian advance to the Ægean and may clear the Russian way to the open sea.

armor will go on indefinitely, with the sur, and I am sure that every old Southerner will remember that thick, red, lusclous liquid of the consistency of tomato catsup, though much hotter. I think the berry now used in tabasco sauce was ease of its ingredients. It stood in a large black bottle, usually an old champagne bottle, and it is a disquieting thought that they have been if they handle 12 inch.

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The partition of the European catsup, though the term of the partition of the partit armor will go on indefinitely, with the may do so even if they handle 12 inch If Europe were united it would still instead of 14 inch or 15 inch guns. That be possible to deliver its ultimatum is why the United States and British cally forgotten and for which my mouth waters to the Balkans. But manifestly such impres devote so much time to target.

WHALAM SEYMOUR. to the Balkans. But manifestly such invies devote so much time to target Naw Yoas. October 28.

an ultimatum would have so be en- practice. In calculating the chance of forced by bayonets, since the Balkan victory as between a British fleet and a League victorious and in actual pos- German fleet, or a United States fleet and ession of the territory it claimed would a Japanese, superiority in hitting the hardly retire before a mere diplomatic mark must always be considered the decisive factor.

No nation is paying more attention to that the addition of the Balkan armies The Nevada and Oklahoma, 27,500 tons, to either group would give it a great to be launched in 1913, will have side f not decisive advantage. Thus it is armor of 13 inches, as compared with only natural for the diplomatic world 11 inches on the New York and Texas. to suspect that Russia with her hos-and the plate on the gun turrets of the and disinterested purpose attached?"

Austrian advance to Salonica newer ships will be from 16 to 18 inches,

I have, sir." and her racial and religious sympathies as compared with 8 to 14 inches on the for the people of the Balkans is at the New York and Texas. The Nevada and present moment bidding for Balkan Oklahoma will have main batteries of ning to equip with this gun the Prince So long as the Balkans were weak, Regent Leopold, 25,000 tons, which was was possible to preserve the status launched three months before the Texas. quo, to preserve Macedonia undivided There is a report that the Japanese bat- a day's work?" tleship Fuso of 30,000 tons, laid down in Eastern Question by sustaining the Turk. March of this year, will carry twelve 15 inch guns. So the competition goes on armor, and the mind is clouded by the conflicting claims of superiority in type. Therefore it is well not to boast too much factor. He must know his work, he must shoot straight, and he must have nerves of steel. The United States cannot spend too much money on target practice.

# Sad Relapse in Boston.

We note with real sorrow the resumpion of predatory operations by the little

old woman in black bombazine. The Evening Transcript of Boston on Monday, October 28, contained an alleged despatch from Paris on the French-Spanish treaty concerning Morocco. The origin and ownership of this alleged despatch from Paris are sufficiently apparent from the subjoined samples of the result of qualitative analysis:

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The Transcript's Paris An editorial article to despatch of October 28. THE SUN of October 20. Thus after having menaced the peace menaced the peace of Europe for half a of Europe for half a rocco seems to have rocco seems to have been relegated to the background as a res background as a res adjudicata.

The negotiation has been long and difficult, having consumed more than a year, and it is doubtful if any recent international agreement can compare in complexity with the present agreement. it has provoked a newspaper war of intense bitterness between Madrid and Paris, which at moments has seemed likely to lead to even more serious conse-

The third and vast The third and much the fargest plum falls ly the largest plum to France. It in- falls to France. It includes Fez and Mo- cludes Fez and Morocco city; its area, rocco city; its area. including Saharan including Saharan its population is vari- its population is variously estimated at qualy estimated at from four to eight from four to eight

Et cetera, et cetera. We shall not prolong the parallel. The evidence is relatives of this respectable looking the notorious black beaded bag or reticule into which her nervous, shrivelled, they can manage to seize upon when quently could not wage war on society relatives and police are looking the other way.

Others, not ourselves, shall celebrate THE SUN'S humane forbearance, during many years, in its treatment of this deplorable case.

If Soutari falls many more times Lady smith will have to look to its laurels.

Interested students of the city budget for 1913 may derive satisfaction from the fact that the appropriation for the Police Department, namely, \$17,186.671, compares very favorably with the \$18,-260, 00 which represented the combined war budgets of Greece, Servia and Bul-

Even haircute to cost more .- Headline Another tariff raised by cutting.

At all events on November 8 the "college man in politics" will be able to get

The submission of Kaid GILHOOLY of Agadir to the French should end the home rule agitation in Morocco.

I am perfectly willing to be set aside there is somebody else who can and will do the job .- Governor WILSON His willingness seems to increase with

the strength of his conviction that he has

sure thing. This is human nature. ABDULLAH Pasha and the general staff re said to be here, but we have not seen them .- The wait of a war correspondent. General ABDULLAH can hardly be taken to task for not receiving the correspond-

ents when he is so preoccupied with the in protecting his rear.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SUN Wednesday, October 23, I read of the death New Orleans, La., of Maunsel White oysters down South before, during and after the crisp and brown oyster bread broken up in the

# LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!

Preparations for Saving the Nation All Complete.

"John," said the famous political campaign manager to the senior member of ween the two groups it is equally plain the battleship than the United States. Columbia, Porto Rico, Guam and Eski-

"And have you copied the list of conributors to our campaign fund which as the certificates of good character

"Are you ready to send to the news papers Peter Pushasw's affidavit that Herbert Ashman heard Bridget Souttle sympathy in the message of the Czar 14 inch guns. The Germans are plan-Timothy when that son was only eight months old that no laborer deserved or should receive more than one dollar for

"All is prepared, sir."

"Have you arranged to release for simul aneous publication in all the newspaper tion that the granduncle of our opponen at the time of the celebration of his ninety first birthday confessed that at one period of his life he had harbored the thought about the latest ship in the water. The that a good monarchy might, in certain man behind the gun is the commanding unmentioned respects, afford to its subjects government not in some details inferior to that provided by a bad re-

public? "It is on the wire, sir." "Has the literary department given out the statement of Nancy Yardstick to the effect that a veiled woman, closely resembling the wife of the candidate on the other side, bought of her an elaborate walking costume, suitable for wear in the capital, and two evening gowns of a kind fit for the mistress of the Executive Mansion to appear in?"

"That has been attended to, sir." "Have you sent to the Board of Elec tions our demand that the police and election inspectors shall obey without question all orders given by our agents on ection day?"

Expressed in the strongest terms, sir. "And has our protest, most vigorously phrased, been filed against the presence at the polling places of watchers for Thus after having any other party than ours, on the ground that the electors must not be intimidated in voting?" "It has, sir."

"Has our official condemnation of the use by our opponents of whiskey and beer to debauch the free and independent been relegated to the electorate been made public?'

"Yes, sir." \*Did the order for refreshments to be served to our devoted and enlightened adherents go in to-day?" It is doubtful if any

pare in complexity with the latest treaty

oases, is slightly less oases, is slightly less pistol is the most convenient weapon to range required, men are practically trained in the use of both weapons when they in dulge in pistol practice.

While the Government is doing every tise with small arms, so in case of war we will have soldiers who know how to shoo certain misinformed individuals are trying not intended for the police, but for the everything to discourage the good work These individuals fondly imagine that if little old lady in black bombazine, with the army and navy were abolished we should the notorious black beaded bag or retiif laws were enacted prohibiting the manukleptomaniac fingers stow anything would suddenly be unarmed and conse-

These people have another guess coming They are not aware that these scoundre manufacture their own weapons, such as daggers, blackjacks, sandbags and burgla tools. Even pistols could easily be manufactured or imported by them from Europe

Self-protection is the first law of nature and there certainly can be no sound reason for preventing the refined and intelligent from owning a pistol and learning to shoot be from the brutal and lawless. It can carcely be doubted that if those who deliberately set out to commit violence upon citizens in the street or in their homes, or under circumstances which expose them to assault, knew that these same citizens pos sessed a pistol and knew how to st effectively many of our burglars and footpads would think twice before attempting NEW YORK, October 26.

Should Street Meetings be Probibited? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I witness last night a most diagraceful and depiorable ex-hibition of political speeching in the open air. Without reference to any political party or per-sonal preferences. I utter my protest against colitical, public and open air campaign

They do no good. On the contrary, they do The class of men and women who attenthem does not represent the common sense patriotism of love of our Stars and Stripes.

Political campaign meetings should be held in

halls or other suitable places where the full pro tection of the law is given. Let us hope, there-fore, in the future our municipal authorities will prohibit the open air street speechifying. NEW YORK October 29. Mr. Thorpe's Wonderful Performance. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Jim Thorpe has the reputation of being one of the greatest all round athletes of the world. Great as his

vious performances have been, they are ut previous percurbance in the state of the control of the Carlot of the Washington Post in its description of the Georgetown-Carlisie football game. WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27. J. H. H. "Twice during the game after Costello stopped horpe the Indian while lying on the ground, his

> Take some Chestorfield politeness Of the good old fashfoned brand Add the manners of your helpmate

When she wants a gown on hand

Take the janitor's demeanor Upon Christmas eve intent. Plus behavior most angelio Of a child on picnics bent. These combined but faintly a in a most imperfect way How the politician treats you

NEW JERSEY'S REGISTRATION.

The New Law Held Responsible for Decreased Figures.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You ask this morning if some Jerseyman will rise and explain. I will, and it is very sima couple of years ago, registration was hunters is due to stupidity.

permitted by affidavit. If your neighbor This statement is a matter when would be out of town the last regissupport of my assertion I personally, that he was a legal voter, was | 3d in an article on page 443 says:

Il that was necessary.

I was a county committeeman or district leader here for years, and my practice was, after a careful personal canvass of the dis-trict, to have affidavits made out for every tepublican voter not on, and then on t ast day of registration the affidavits that this is accomplished one wonders whether they came personally I tore up as fast as they registered, and the last few minutes before the time expired for the right to register I put in my remaining batch of affidavits, thus registering every man of my party in the district.

now loses from twenty-five to fifty, and even more, in each election district, which quickly runs into thousands. Had Dr. fable been in my district and been a wicker epublican instead of a divinely inspired full Mooser he would have found himself safely registered under the old law by my

Our people are not familiar with the new law yet, particularly the Progressives, or a some of them, whom the alert and watchful Republican leaders registered for years and sent carriages for six or seven time on election day, and hundreds of them will go to the polls next week and be much surprised and doubtless very indignant that they cannot vote. J. R. SALMON. NEWARE, October 29.

### A List of Live Men.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: With lovernor Woodrow Wilson's suggestion and help the Geran election law was passed nearly two years ago by the New Jersey Assembly, and from having laws govern tual as the law applying to witchcraft or the fugitive slave act, New Jersey has now taken her place alongeide of New York, Ohio, Oregon and other (franchise enlightened American Commonwealths.

Before the Geran act the only registra was the entries made by the local election officers. When in their wisdom a young man "looked to be" 21 years old or thereabout his name was put upon the books in the hope that he would come around and confirm the guess. When a commute climbed off a train with his family with the evident intention of staying a while in Mont clair, the Oranges or in Nutley, one of the election officers, provided he thought the commuter looked like a promising mem ber of his political party, would make nental note of his arrival and some tim ater would enter his name with or without

r in case of war.

The same principles that underlie pistol possible for all dead Jerseymen to rest in peace and for those who are alive to ex press [their desires and have their vote LEWELLYN E. PRATT

### NUTLEY, N. J., October 29. STARVING THE RAILROADS.

Greater Sinners? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your correspondent "J. B. K." in his letter of October 22 helps to fill a long felt want, for if the people of this country are not soo awakened to the dangerous game they are playing in trying through their represent ives to do everything in their power t starve the railroads a great reducti efficiency is bound to follow. Nevertheless will indorse Taft and Republican Congressne makes a great mistake in thinking that the shippers are the only sinhers; for, graspng and selfish as they are, the travelling public as a whole is very little better, and are backed by such men as George Guthrie, stern as the word "All's clear!" is passed.

for proof of this statement it is only neces- who is the foe to all boss government.

For a half hour before launching tim sary to turn to the public records. will show that during the past few years a or Canada if the manufacture of them were great many of the States have attempted the bosses. which is being made by the railroads of this country for carrying passengers. In addition to this, when a short time ago the railroads in the vicinity of New York city made a slight increase in commutation but of reducing the loss they actually suffered in granting special commutation

> tions rose up in arms. It is a well known fact that from standpoint of profits to the railroads rates for carrying passengers are lower in proportion than the present low rates for carrying merchandise; therefore if travellers are commencing to complain of inefficiency they must blame themselves as well as the A. E. CORTIS. NEW YORK, October 28.

tickets, commuters in practically all sec-

SHOE COSTS HERE AND ABROAD. The George E. Keith Company Denie

One Democratic Allegation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The Den

retailed cheaper in London than in New York retailed cheaper in London than in New York. Among the several articles mentioned are men's black Walk-Over shoes, which they say are sold in London at \$2.56 and in New York for \$4; and tan Walk-Over shoes, which they say are sold in London for \$4.04 and \$5 in New York eity. In 1899 I opened the first exclusive America shoe store in the city of London. The price the cheapest grade of Walk-Over shoes, both black and tan, at the opening of this store was 16s. 6d., which is \$4.04, and Walk-Over shoes have never been sold/at less than that price in the several London shops which I now control, and the same shoe is sold in every city in the United States for an even \$4. The only exception to this would be on the occasion of a clearance sale. Further than that, we sell a great many shoes at a

guines, which is \$5.11, and the same shee can be purchased in any Walk-Over store in this country for an even \$5. I think the public should know the facts, and I can truthfully state that in no country in the world, and I am shipping goods into eighty-four different countries, do the retailers sell shoes on so small a margin as in the United States.

GROUGH E. KRITH.

President Geo. E. Keith Company. CAMPELLO, Mass., October 29. Eternal Vigilance at the Doorway Is the Price of Fame.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! You show a very proper and commendable discrimination in declining a place in the Hall of Fame to H Sandler, shoemaker. To some of your old read-ers this vast Valhalla of noted nomenclature is

FRANK HATES.

simost a sacred shrine and they feel that new candidates should approximate as closely as can be expected the standard set twenty years MADISON, N. J., Och M.

THE TRUE BULL MOOSE.

Stupid Creature That Is Often a Viet

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The Progressive party leader takes great pride his executive staff, "have you manifolded the statement showing that our candidate rise and explain. I will, and it is very similar to be a popular impression that In the present state of balance bestrengthening the vitals and turrets of will carry all the States, the District of entirely to the new law which requires a matter of fact the moose is the greatest. personal registration. Under the old law coward in the animal world, and his appar-which prevailed here for years, repealed ent bravery that surprises inexperienced

> This statement is a matter of fact, and in support of my assertion I quote you heretration day he could ask you to put him on, with from "The National Geographical and a simple affidavit that you knew him Magazine" of May, 1912. George Shiras

And here it may be interpolated that no antiered animal of the earth is more obtuse and stolid than the moose, and no animal when fluxily alarmed is a greater victim of an increasing and progressive fear than this. At times it seems almost impossible to alarm them, and then when ever recover from the shock.

On page 445 of the same:

We saw the big bull a mile away tearing along the top of a bare ridge leading to the mountain forests. His gait showed that stolldity had at last given way to a belated but overpowering fear. From the same article, page 450:

The animal gave a quick glance out of the corner of one eye and then put the devil was after him. So much has been said about mature

faking by Colonel Roosevelt that I respectfully offer this bit of testimony in the interests of true science and true patriotism. THOMAS COOPER.

and Miners Proposed.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: to regulate the hours of labor for women inors in the manufacturing establishments of the State has been introduced in the Vermont Senate by Senator E. C. Mower of Burlington. This bill is based upon the Massachusetts act which went into effect on January 1, 1912. Provision is made for a fifty-four hour week. In establishments where the work is "by seasons" fifty-eight hours are allowed, provided that the average for the year does not exceed fifty-four hours a week, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. With Saturday afternoon free this means a ten hour day for five days. If the employees work Saturday afternoons, it means of course a nine hour day for the

aix days,

The opposition to the bill will come from small manufacturers who declare they Also some farmers may oppose this measure because nine hours seems a short day to men who live and work on a Vermont farm. The experience of other States has shown that a healthy industry can thrive and grow under such protection as this measure ould secure for present and future mothers In this bill we are following the example great and conservative Commonwealths whose manufacturers compete with our own for labor and for markets for their finished products. We have the written

served to our devoted and enlightened adherents go in to-day?"

"It did, sir."

"Has the public been informed that we harbor the suspicion that the manager of our opponent's campaign is in reality Hicks the Pirate?"

"That charge has been definitely made, sir."

"We have done what we can to preserve the country! Let the people vote!"

"It is a healthful exercise, being practised out of doors in the open air. There are no undestrable concomitants, such as gamillong, coarseness, rough and dangerous play.

In order to excel regular and temperate habits of life must be formed and maintained. It renders the senses more alert and trains them to act in unison and in harmony. But above all, skill in shooting a pistol is a useful accomplishment and makes a man a more useful citizen in peace or in case of war.

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Under the new law every voter must and way such as law into wind not have to this voters will go to the politicians are honey the shrinkage of the arge places play.

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The High Resolve in Pennsylvania. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: An

the Republican candidates, and was swept oss any State ever had As most all these candidates are double

While Roosevelt under a disguise put

o understand. Now the Republicans who stand for lecency are going to put up an anti-Flinn ight against Flinn's State candidates, and nen on the national ticket and the Democratic State candidates.

keep his hands off and let the people get at

ing politics with the long green" would be equally descriptive.

J. Hunny. WEST POINT, October 29.

Voter's Comment on a

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SE "Let's put them both to work again, the Big Stick and T. R!" This legend is confronting us in every subway car:

Paid for by souls angelic, by men once steeped in sin.
Redeemed by their connection when the Bull Moose took them in.

But ere we grant the Bull Moose wish let And pondering the Roosevelt panio, look into its cause. Remember that his reckless words markets caused to quake While he was having a "bully" time down

South in the canebrake. For seven years he had a chance to remedy Which now he says he'll promptly cure with his new patent pills. But what assurance have

they will do the trick, Or that they can perform the task—he and his great Big Stick? Did he restrain the wicked trusts, against whom now he rails? Did he refuse the crooked coin of those he now assails?

Did he keep faith with any one if "twould not suit his books? Did he not once consort with those who now are "fakes" and "crooks"?

# **BIGGEST SEA FIGHTER** TO BE LAUNCHED TO-DAY

Battleship New York Takes the Water as Tide Brims the East River.

George Shiras TAFT HERE FOR LAUNCHING

Turn of Valve Will Release the Steel Fingers That Hold Ship.

At 10:30 this morning, or as soon after as the tide serves, the battleship New York. most formidable of the world's sea fighters, will slide down the ways at the Brooklyn navy yard, where she has been growing since her keel was laid on September 11.

1911. President Taft will stand at the head of the ways to see how the newest "pride of the navy" behaves at her coming out party. With him will be Government, State and navy officers of high rank, but ranking for the time being the President himself will be Miss Elsie Calder, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Representative William M. Calder, on whom depends the good luck of the new ship. From least, last bluejacket up to the gold laced Admirals every eye will be fixed upon Miss Calder as the great mass of steel begins to move and she raises the beribboned champagne bottle that, if the ship's luck is to hold, must break fairly on the prow as Miss Calder says:

"I christen thee New York."
In the party with President Taft will be Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Gov. Dix, Mayor Gaynor, Rear Admiral Osterhaus, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet; Rear Admiral Cone, engineer in chief of the navy; Rear Admiral Watt, chief constructor of the navy; Capt. Albert Gleaves, commandant of the navy yard; Major-Gen. Barry, commanding the Eastern division of the army; Representative Calder and Representative John J. Fitzgeral, whose nine-year-old daughter Kathleen is to be Miss Calder's flower

Workmen were making things hum in the vard vesterday getting the new battleship ready for her christening party. At the bow, which reaches far inland, stands were being built for the guests, and as rapidly as they were completed they were dressed out with multicolored flags. Inside the ship herself the walls resounded to the din of pneumatic hammers driving the last rivets into place while a small army of workmen swarmed over the hull making ready for cutting away shores and putting on last minute

touches From small holes in various parts of the hull streams of water came gushing out, as though the battleship had already had a dip in the sea. This meant that the compartments were being tested to a high water pressure and that having been shown to be watertight the water was being let off. The testing of the many compartments, a formidable task in itself, was

begun many weeks ago. As sne stands on the ways the New York weighs about 10,000 tons. To support that weight and make certain that the ship will slip gracefully into the water when the word is given more than a quarter of a million feet of lumber has been used for packing over the ground ways, and between that and the hull about 25,000 pounds of grease has been spread on the

ways. A new invention to prevent hitches in the launching of a ship will rob to-day's spectacular feature of a launching. The nto power by Roosevelt, is about the worst old order, "saw off," that used to be the signal for men to cut through the sliding ways and release the ship, while everycrossing Taft the decent Republicans see a body held his breath, won't be heard to be hance to get rid of the whole outfit. day. Instead, after the shores are removed one boss out and a worse one in, Flinn and the wedges driven which lift the ship a the biggest and worst ever. Just how up onto the sliding ways, Constructor Roosevelt consoles his conscience is hard J. E. Bailey, who has had charge of the building of the New York, will turn a little valve and release two hydraulically operated steel fingers that hold the ship back. To turn the valve at the wrong time might bring destruction to ship and workers alike, and so Constructor Bailey will These men are not under any bosses and handle the job himself, standing near the

For a half hour before launching time the East River will be closed to traffic, PITTSBURG, Pa., October 26.

On Greenness in Politics.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The public press attributes the statement "I'm green in politics and they may be staffing me" to Mr. George W. Perkins. "I'm stuffing politics with the long green" would be equally described to the Manuel of a narrow lane along the Manhattan shore. When the Florida was launched two years ago she didn't make much of a splash and gave no trouble at all, but no one knows what a big ship will do when shetakes her first plunge, and so the New York is to have plenty of from to kick up her heels in if she feels that way.

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To make sure that the launching will

To make sure without a hitch as is To make sure that the launching will go off as nearly without a hitch as is humanly possible a dress rehearsal was held yesterday afternoon. All the men were sent to their special launching sta-tions and drilled in their duties. The men who have had a hand in the building are mighty proud of the job and wore prominently, so that no eye should miss men who have had a hand in the building are mighty proud of the job and wore prominently, so that no eye should miss it, the half dollar sized blue buttons inscribed, "Launching of U. S. S. New York," which is the only badge that will admit even an Admiral within the launching line to-day.

When the New York takes the water there will be on hand many of her lesser sisters to greet her. The twin giants Arkansas and Wyoming, from whom the New York wrests the title of biggest in the navy, are at the yard, and so are

in the navy, are at the yard, and so are the Florida, the flagship Connecticut, the Utah and the Delaware, battleships all. The Mayflower, sea home of Presi-dents, is also there and a small fleet of

all. The Mayflower, sea home of Fresidents, is also there and a small fleet of lesser fighting craft.

When afloat the new battleship will be far from complete. About 62 per cent of the work necessary to get her ready to go into commission will have been done. She has been built so far in record time, so that although she is not due to be finished until May, 1914. Naval Constructor Bailey and his aids hope to beat that date by several months. Constructor Bailey was a "99 man at the Naval Academy. Folks who drop around to look at the ship that has been building under his charge are very apt to remark that he looks rather young to shoulder so much responsibility. But he's done hig jobs before. He isn't much of a talker and you have to get other men to tell you how he handled the job of setting the Machias. Gloucester, Vixen and Luzon to rights after the hurricane at Pensacola in 1906.

When she is finished the New York will

What's friendship, what is loyalty? Just like a headstrong boy
The party that has made him he's ready to destroy.

The only thing he's working for from morn to evening late
Is to attain the goal he seeks, this third term candidate.

So let us put a new sign up, and heed it, ye who run:

"Remember nineteen seven and the man behind that gun!"

Learn from the past; run not your neck into the same old noose,
But work with all your might and vote against the Big Bull Moose.

ANEW YORE, October 28...

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When she is finished the New York will carry a complement of 63 officers and 1,000 men.
Following the launching President Taft, will speak at a reception at the Sands street Navy Y. M. C. A. Miss Helen M. Gould and Mrs. John E. L. Davis, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., will be among the guests. Rear Admiral Osterhaus has detailed 500 blue-jackets to attend the reception and will seen along the Utah's band. There will be a luncheon for the sailors and moving pictures to keep them happy while waiting for the President.